



June 8, 2011

David Katz
J & H Express, Inc
10160 West Marginal Place South
Tukwila, WA 98168

RE: Results from the Urban Waters Environmental Compliance Inspection at J & H Express, Inc. on
May 19, 2011: Corrective action required.

Dear Mr. Katz:

I appreciated your cooperation during my visit to your facility at 10160 West Marginal Place South.

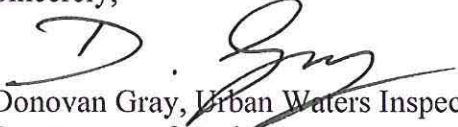
As you know, Governor Christine Gregoire has made the cleanup of Puget Sound a priority for Ecology. The Urban Waters Initiative strengthens efforts to identify sources of pollution in and around Puget Sound by working with businesses to address those sources.

Based on my visit, it appears your facility is in compliance with most of the inspection items on the checklist. However, we identified several items that must be addressed. Within 30 days from the date you receive this letter, complete the attached list of required corrective actions.

Local, state, and federal agencies want to assist business owners in bringing their businesses into compliance voluntarily. However, it is your responsibility to comply with the requirements of the environmental codes, ordinances, and regulations. Please be aware that any uncorrected violations are subject to enforcement action by Ecology, including the issuance of an administrative order and/or penalty.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (425) 649-7055 or email me at DOGR461@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Donovan Gray, Urban Waters Inspector
Department of Ecology
3190 160th Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98008

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Enclosure: Corrective Actions

By certified mail: 7010 3090 0002 0647 1239

• City of Bellevue	• Snohomish Health District	• Seattle Public Utilities	• Kitsap Co Public Works
• Clallam Co Health & Human Svcs	• City of Bellingham	• Tacoma-Pierce Co Health Dept	• Skagit Co Public Health Dept
• King Co Water & Land Resources	• Jefferson Co Public Health	• City of Issaquah	• Spokane Regional Health Dist
• San Juan Co	• Kitsap Co Health District	• King Co Public Health Div	• Whatcom Co Health Dept

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Instructions: Return this Completed Form or Request an Extension -- Use this form to report if the action(s) needed to achieve compliance, identified during the inspection on May 19, 2011, have been completed. **Complete the shaded portion of the table and mail a copy of this form to Donovan Gray by July 11, 2011 at the following address:** Washington Department of Ecology, Urban Waters Initiative, Attention: Donovan Gray, 3190 160th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008.


An extension of the deadlines to achieve compliance may be requested. Please make a request in writing, including the reasons an extension is necessary and proposed date(s) for completion, and send it to Donovan Gray before the date specified above. Ecology will provide a written approval or denial of your request.

If you have any questions about information in this Compliance Certificate, please call:

Donovan Gray at (425) 649-7055

The problems identified below must be corrected in order to be in compliance with Washington Dangerous Waste Regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC), or other environmental laws or regulations. Please indicate the date each action is completed and initial each item. Include any comments explaining the actions taken on a separate piece of paper.

Compliance Item	Corrective Measures Deadline	Date Completed	Initials
<p>1) Improve spill response procedures:</p> <p>Your spill response preparedness should be improved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase/obtain a spill kit with response materials appropriate for any liquids you store on site.• Post the State of Washington Spill reporting emergency telephone number by your phone (1 (800) 258-5990). Also post internal emergency contacts and telephone numbers.• If there is the potential for pollutants to reach water or soil from your facility, stage spill control products within easy access for employees to use. When practical position potential pollutants in secondary containment.• Educate all staff on necessary procedures to manage a spill safely. Create and implement an annual refresher program. <p>Note: Seattle Public Utilities, in partnership with Resource Venture and ECOSS, is offering a FREE spill kit incentive program. Staff may be able to give you advice and assistance on the cheapest options to improve your spill preparedness: http://www.resourceventure.org/green-your-business/stormwater-pollution-prevention/spill-kits . (206) 343-8505</p>	07/11/2011		
2) Implement proper washing practices:	07/11/2011		

<p>My site guide stated that approximately 10 trucks per month are washed at your facility. Your lot is mostly gravel. In general, washing vehicles over gravel is preferable to a paved surface lacking treatment structures because gravel will allow some infiltration. However, if you're washing frequently your soils may become oversaturated, reducing the ability of soil microbes to breakdown the pollutants.</p> <p>Therefore you must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate the frequency of your washing practices to determine whether a paved, self contained wash bay is appropriate. A good rule of thumb is five vehicles per month. More than that, it is likely you need a wash bay with a treatment structure or should be using an off-site commercial washing facility. <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cease all washing at your facility and use a off-site commercial car wash instead. <p>Ecology's guidance on vehicle washing is available at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/pubs/95056.pdf</p>			
<p>3) Implement proper housekeeping:</p> <p>Although, I found the housekeeping at your facility to be generally good, you could make improvements. For example I found oil spots on your lot from leaking trucks.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean up leaks and spills as they occur and employ the spill plan when necessary.• Repair leaking equipment and vehicles.• Cover dumpsters. Check dumpsters for leaks and drips.• Dispose of excess waste and old equipment promptly and properly.	07/11/2011		